

887th Quartermasters Lend a Hand in DDJC Stock Positioning Project

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The 887th Quartermaster Company from Sinton and Alice, Texas gave a significant boost to stock positioning efforts at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin (DDJC). Between August 11–24, the reservists from the Heavy Equipment Supply Company re-warehoused more than 2,000 line items and saved the depot thousands of dollars during two weeks of advanced individual training.

The soldiers moved low demand items out from the active item warehouses around the distribution hub to make room for stock with higher demand.

The 887th is no stranger to Defense Distribution Center (DDC) procedures and systems. “About six times a year we go to Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas for MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) training with our maintenance section,” said SSgt. Stephen Earhart.



SSgt. Stephen Earhart, left, discusses re-warehousing procedures with, from left, PFC Vincent Morandarte, Sgt. Corrine Retault and Spec. Nelissa Yvett Saenz. Earhart supervised a team of reservists working in Warehouse 16 that relocated stock to create more space for the most active bin items.

The unit has also spent their two-week active duty in Germany the last five years working at the DDC depot in Germersheim and the depot at the Kaiserslautern Industrial Center.

“We broke the record for lines selected in one-day at Kaiserslautern,” said SFC Troy Lopez, a platoon sergeant. “The standing record was 1,000 lines selected in a day. That was by a company from North Texas. We selected 1,890 in one day with 12 soldiers.”

“Fortunately we have a crew that only complains when there is not enough work to do,” said Lopez. “The bigger the challenge, the more adrenaline flows,” added supply system technician CW4 Tony Irwin.

The project officer for the two-week assignment was Navy Capt. A.L. Bjerke, SC, USNR, Commander of DDC Reserve Detachment B120. “This project was developed to increase physical distribution efficiency by relocating stock to the active item area surrounding Warehouse 16 so that 90 percent of the MRO (Material Release Orders) could be selected from this active item area,” Bjerke said.

The 887th formed five teams at Tracy and one team at Sharpe for the re-warehousing project.

One of the teams moved 1,400 pallets of oversized, slow moving stock to Warehouse 2 and moved high popularity



Spec. Tonya Fabian of the 887th Quartermaster Co. moves some of the 400 pallets of slow moving items from Warehouse 18 to the Sharpe site during two weeks of Advanced Individual Training at DDJC.

items nearer to the hub. Another team moved 1,400 lines, amounting to 400 pallets of low demand items, from Warehouse 15 to Bldg. 240 at Sharpe. At Sharpe, another team screened and stowed the material.

In Warehouse 18, a team relocated low activity items to higher locations, which would take more effort to reach. They also consolidated multiple locations and re-warehoused stock. In Warehouse 16 there was also a team working to position bin items to get the most active items as close as possible to the packing section.

When the project was completed 60,000 cubic feet of prime selecting locations in active item areas was available for 2,000 high popularity items. In outlying warehouses 90,000 cubic feet of storage space was freed up. Low demand, oversized material across the depot was consolidated in Warehouse 2, which freed up over 1,400 pallet positions throughout the depot.

“Most people have the idea that reservists just come in but don’t perform to their potential,” pointed out Sgt. Corrine Retault. “Our tradition is to do more than is expected.”

“This team doesn’t even take breaks,” said SSgt. Stephen Earhart who led a team in Warehouse 16. “We work straight through and try to go above and beyond. We want to set records.”



Pvt Luis Ozuna inventories a box of tools being re-warehoused.